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Paragraph 6 is also significant. Anyone could obtain a life membership by paying 5,000 zlotys. This opened the way to capitalists and speculators, since during 1946 - 1947, the sum of 5,000 zlotys was far beyond the workers' reach. Experience has shown that an administration consisting of honorary members fails to understand actual problems and cannot manage the organization properly. Division of authority between the main administration and board of directors precluded efficient management of the organization.

The LL is to a large extent supported by the state. All its elements are gradually being included in financial planning. There is no longer any reason for discriminating against the poorer regions. More state aid should go to the LL organizations which need financial help most.

Under the old method of choosing delegates for the General Assembly, every chapter, division, and region elects an equal number of delegates, regardless of membership. For instance, the Olaszyn Region, which has 14,000 members, has the same number of votes (five) as the Slask Region with its 161,000 members. Thus, delegates to the General Assembly are not truly representative of the will of the majority.

Paragraph 27 provides that the members of the main administration, if possible, should be permanent residents of Warsaw. As a result, the main administration consisted exclusively of persons who lived in Warsaw. The regional interests of the LL were not represented in the main administration.

Proposed new bylaws were recently presented to the delegates.

The new bylaws describe the LL as an organization which is to assume the entire responsibility for flight training and popularizing of aviation among the civilian public, to provide the second line of defense in support of military aviation.

The LL is to have a democratic organization. All its authority is to stem from elections. The elected authorities execute the will of the members, presented in the form of resolutions passed in the individual chapters, divisions, and regions of the LL. Under the new bylaws, the LL embodies democratic centralism with one central authority chosen by election.

The LL is a nonpartisan organization. A nonpartisan is not synonymous with a nonpolitical organization. The LL accepts all progressive elements, regardless of party affiliation. Partisan and nonpartisan members can find a place within the LL. PZPR (Polska Zjednoczona Partja Robotnicza, United Polish Workers' Party) members, however, are the most active workers in the organization and hence assume leadership.

The LL also functions as a public service in pest control for forests and agriculture, etc. Its propaganda work is intended to make the public air-minded for purposes of national defense. All aviation training by the LL is aimed at strengthening the national defense. Those trained by the LL as sport pilots will also be reserves for Polish military aviation.

The LL contributes to aviation in all its aspects: technology, instruction, construction of workshops, airfields, and hangars, and development of sources of raw materials.

An important task of the LL is to popularize the USSR among its members and the public. In the international field, the LL cooperates with related organizations for defense.

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All members are required to be familiar with the new bylaws and to take an active part in the work of the chapter. All members are required to pay dues regularly.

Members may be dropped on the motion of the chapter or higher authorities or the Court of Colleagues for failure to observe bylaws, regulations, or directives and resolutions, or for activity detrimental to organization or the interests of the country.

LL members are classified as regular or honorary. Honorary members do not pay dues. Honorary membership is awarded by the General Assembly, on recommendations of the main administration, for outstanding service in aviation.

The LL consists of the central authorities of the regions, divisions and chapters. All the officials are elected. Standard terminology has been adopted for the Zjazd (Assembly) and Komisja Rewizyjna (Auditing Commission), and Courts of Colleagues have been set up as an innovation.

The highest authority is the General Assembly of Delegates (on the level of the central authority), and the General Regional Assembly (regional level), the General Divisional Assembly (divisional level), and General Assemblies (on the level of the chapters, the lowest cells of the LL). Resolutions at the assemblies are passed by majority vote of the delegates elected to the assembly by members of the respective units of the LL. The delegates have the right to discuss and give final approval to reports and proposals, to approve or reject financial reports of the administration, to elect the administration, to elect delegates for the General Assembly of the next higher echelon, to adopt guiding principles for the next lower echelon, and to make decisions on other matters.

The administration is the executive body of the assembly, and is responsible to it. The new bylaws of the LL provide for an increase in the number of members in the administration. The administrations have full power to run the organization without infringing on its democratic foundation. The executive organ of the administration is the Presidium.

The highest organ of verification is the Main Auditing Commission, on the level of the central authority of the LL. Auditing commissions also exist on the regional, divisional, and chapter levels.

The Court of Colleagues is set up on the level of the central authority of the LL. It consists of five members and three alternates elected by the General Assembly of Delegates for a term of 3 years. It has the power to settle disputes among members, to investigate disparaging charges against members relating to their work in the organization, to take action against members, even involving dismissal from the organization in accordance with Paragraph 16 of the bylaws, and in accordance with the instruction manual for the Court of Colleagues.

The LL fund consists of membership dues, regular state subsidies and grants, contributions, bequests, gifts, income from its own real estate and enterprises, and income from exhibitions and other activities.

A commission of the retiring main administration of the LL prepared the new bylaws by analyzing the old bylaws in the light of the experience of the past 4 years.

AVIATION LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS -- Warsaw, Skrzydlata Polska, Jan 50

The General Congress of the LL (Liga Lotnicza, Aviation League) has elected a new main administration, composed of the following:

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Officers of Main Administration of LL

Engr Sergiusz Minorski, president; Col Jerzy Bogdanowski, vice president; Lt Col Josef Sliwinski, vice president; Jan Jablonski, Main Administration of ZMP (Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej, Union of Polish Youth), vice president; Alfred Windholz, secretary; Mieczyslaw Rolski, treasurer. Other officers: Col Antoni Michalak; Edward Warchalowski, president of the Warsaw Polytechnic; Jerzy Falber; Prof Czeslaw Bieniek; Janusz Przymanowski, editor.

Members of Main Administration

Lt Col Bronislaw Bednarz, MON (Ministry of National Defense); Kazimierz Dziedzic, Poznan Region of the LL; Wieslaw Fijałkowski, SD (Stronnictwo Demokratyczne, Democratic Party); Jan Gornicki, ZHP (Zwiazek Harcerstwa Polskiego, Union of Polish Scouts); Deputy Wacław Guminski, Central Committee of the PZPR; Engr Wladyslaw Gabinski, WSK [unidentified]; Tadeusz Grabarz, Katowice Region of the LL; Piotr Grochmalicki, Rzeszow Region of the LL; Prof Włodzimierz Humen, Institute of Gliding; Jerzy Hans, Gdansk Region of the LL; Wladyslaw Jugusztyn, Union of Peasants' Self-Help; Eugeniusz Kopczewski, CRZZ (Centralna Rada Związków Zawodowych), Central Council of Trade Unions).

Also, Jan Krynicki, Wroclaw Region of the LL; Boleslaw Kropicki, Szczecin Region of the LL; Mieczyslaw Lao, shockworker at the Polish Airlines (LOT); Antoni Mitura, ZSL (Zjednoczone Stronnictwo Ludowe, United Peasant Party); Engr Jozef Niespal, aircraft designer; Augustyn Platak, Katowice Region of the LL; Engr Romuald Romicki, GIL (Główny Instytut Lotnictwa, Main Institute of Aviation); Maj Jan Stamięszkin, MON; Lt Col Mieczyslaw Sawicki, PO SP (Powszechna Organizacja "Sluzba Polsce," Universal Organization, "Service to Poland"); Henryk Szemberg, GKKF [unidentified]; Edward Sternik, LOT; Faustyn Szlezak, SD; Mieczyslaw Slominski, Krakow Region of the LL; Maj Stanislaw Skowron, Bialostok Region of the LL; Adam Skrzypek, Lublin Region of the LL; Wladyslaw Sitarski, Olsztyn Region of the LL; Capt Wladyslaw Miniach, Air Force, training; Jan Tagowski, Lodz Region of the LL; Alojzy Wenus, Kielce Region of the LL; Adam Zientek, pilot; Witold Ziemkiewicz, Bydgoszcz Region of the LL; Stefan Zmijko, ZSL.

Auditing Commission

Engr Wiktor Leja, chairman; Lt Col Roman Rypson, vice-chairman. Members of the Auditing Commission: Councillor Wacław Grafczynski, MK (Ministerstwo Komunikacji, Ministry of Transportation); Maj Wincenty Heinrich, MON; Stanislaw Konarski, MK; Stanislaw Sternik, ZSL; Henryk Zorski, Wawelberg School; Prof Leon Niemand, GIL.

Court of Colleagues

Stanislaw Benigier, president. Members: Bernard Grabowski; Engr Wladyslaw Fiszdon, GIL; Lt Col Marian Kracher, MON; Julian Kablew, ZSL; Maj Antoni Kowalski, MON; Tadeusz Sokolowski, SD; Lt Col Leopold Sorochtej, MON.

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